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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	
Gao et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Serial No.: 09/730,277	)	
	)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
Filed: December 5, 2000	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	Atty. Docket No.: 24958A
THE COOLING OF FILAMENTS IN A	)	
FILAMENT FORMING PROCESS	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully  
request that the above-identified application be amended as follows: